

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

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Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A bolt-keeper toilet flange comprising:

a toilet-fastener<sup>(1)</sup> plate having at least one raised bolt-head bracket<sup>(2)</sup> articulated to hold a toilet-bolt head between two side walls of said bracket;

the at least one raised bolt-head bracket having an<sup>(17)</sup> open outer end and a bolt-shank<sup>(10)</sup> opening on a bolt-head side<sup>(4)</sup> of the toilet fastener plate for sliding a bolt-

head into the open outer end and positioning the toilet-bolt head between the two side<sup>(3)</sup>

walls in the at least one raised bolt-head bracket with a toilet-bolt shank held uprightly from the toilet-fastener plate in a predetermined place for attachment of a toilet bowl to the toilet bolt with a toilet-bolt nut screwed onto the toilet-bolt shank;

and

floor-bolt<sup>(7)</sup> apertures which extend through the toilet-fastener plate on arcuately opposite sides of the at least one raised bolt-head bracket for receiving floor-bolt shanks of floor bolts inserted downwardly through the floor-bolt apertures and for retaining floor-bolt heads of the floor bolts proximate a top of the toilet-fastener plate for bolting the toilet-fastener plate to a floor predeterminedly about a toilet-drain aperture in the floor[.].

wherein the at least one raised bolt-head bracket has a floor beneath the toilet-bolt head to prevent the toilet bolt from falling through the flange.

1           2. (*original*)       The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 1 wherein:  
2                   the toilet-fastener plate includes an arcuate plate having a predetermined  
3    arcuate length.

1           3. (*original*)       The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 2 wherein:  
2                   the arcuate plate has an arcuate length of predeterminedly proximate two  
3    inches, a width of predeterminedly proximate three-fourths of an inch and a thickness  
4    of predeterminedly proximate one-sixteenth of an inch.

1           4. (*previously amended*) The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 1 wherein:  
2                   the at least one raised bolt-head bracket includes a bracket entry that is  
3    articulated to receive the toilet-bolt head and the toilet-bolt shank radially from a  
4    predetermined entry edge of the fastener plate; and  
5                   the at least one raised bolt-head bracket includes an end wall opposite  
6    the bracket entry to prevent passage of the toilet-bolt head through the bolt-head  
7    bracket.

1           5. (*original*)       The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 4 wherein:

2 the entry edge of the fastener plate is an arcuately outside edge of the  
3 fastener plate.

1 6. (*original*) The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 4 wherein:  
2 the entry edge of the fastener plate is an arcuately inside edge of the  
3 fastener plate.

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1 7. (*original*) The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 1 wherein:  
2 the floor-bolt apertures are arcuate and have aperture lengths that are  
3 equal to a predetermined plurality of diameter lengths of the floor bolts.

1 8. (*previously withdrawn*) The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 1  
2 wherein:  
3 the toilet-fastener plate includes a connector plate with an arcuate  
4 extension of predeterminedly proximate 90 degrees, a width of predeterminedly  
5 proximate three-fourths of an inch and a thickness predetermined for structure of the  
6 bolt-head bracket.

1           **9. (previously withdrawn)**       The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 1  
2 wherein:

3           the toilet-fastener plate includes a connector plate with an arcuate  
4 extension of predeterminedly proximate 90 degrees, a width of predeterminedly  
5 proximate one-and-one-half inches and a thickness predetermined for structure of  
6 the bolt-head bracket.

B 1           **10. (previously withdrawn)** The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 1 wherein:  
2           the floor-bolt apertures include a predetermined plurality of circular  
3 orifices at a predetermined arcuate radius.

1           **11. (previously withdrawn)** The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 1 wherein:  
2           the toilet-fastener plate includes a base circumferential plate having a  
3 plate diameter predeterminedly in excess of a diameter of a predetermined toilet-  
4 drain aperture;

5           the bolt-head bracket including a first bolt-head bracket that is  
6 oppositely disposed diametrically from a second bolt-head bracket; and

7           the floor-bolt apertures include two series of predetermined pluralities  
8 of the floor-bolt apertures that are oppositely disposed circumferentially at  
9 predetermined radii from an axis of the base circumferential plate.

1       **12. (previously withdrawn)** The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 11 wherein:  
2               the base circumferential plate includes a width of predeterminedly  
3 proximate one-and-one-half inches and a thickness predetermined for containing an  
4 integral bolt-head bracket and for providing rigidity and duration of materials of  
5 construction of the base circumferential plate.

B/ 1       **13. (previously withdrawn)** The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 11 wherein:  
2               the base circumferential plate includes a width of predeterminedly  
3 proximate one inch and a thickness predetermined for containing the integral bolt-  
4 head bracket and for providing rigidity and duration of materials of construction of  
5 the base circumferential plate.

1       **14. (previously withdrawn)** The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 1 wherein:  
2               the toilet-fastener plate includes a supplemental circumferential plate  
3 having a plate diameter predeterminedly in excess of a diameter of the  
4 predetermined toilet-drain aperture;  
5               the bolt-head bracket including a first bolt-head bracket that is  
6 oppositely disposed diametrically from a second bolt-head bracket; and

7 the floor-bolt apertures include four series of predetermined pluralities  
8 of the floor-bolt apertures that are oppositely disposed orthogonally at predetermined  
9 radii from an axis of the supplemental circumferential plate.

1 **15. (previously withdrawn)** The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim **14** wherein:  
2 the supplemental circumferential plate includes a width of  
3 predeterminedly proximate one-and-one-half inches and a thickness predetermined  
4 for supporting supplemental bolt-head bracket and for providing rigidity and  
5 duration of materials of construction of the supplemental circumferential plate.

1 **16. (previously withdrawn)** The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim **14** wherein:  
2 the supplemental circumferential plate includes a width of  
3 predeterminedly proximate one inch and a thickness predetermined for supporting  
4 the supplemental bolt-head bracket and for providing rigidity and duration of  
5 materials of construction of the supplemental circumferential plate.

1 **17. (previously withdrawn)** The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim **1** wherein  
2 the bolt-head bracket includes the integral bolt-head bracket; and  
3 the integral bolt-head bracket including walls that are integral with  
4 material of construction of the toilet-fastener plate.

5       **18. (previously withdrawn)** The bolt-keeper toilet flange of claim 1 wherein  
6               the bolt-head bracket includes the supplemental bolt-head bracket; and  
7               the supplemental bolt-head bracket includes walls that are supplemental  
8 to and superimposed onto material of construction of the toilet-fastener plate.

1       **19. (previously withdrawn)** A bolt-keeper toilet flange comprising:  
2               an arcuate plate having at least one bolt-head bracket articulated to hold  
3 a toilet-bolt head;  
4               the bolt-head bracket having a bolt-shank opening on the bolt-head side  
5 of the toilet-fastener plate for positioning the toilet-bolt head in the bolt-head bracket  
6 with a toilet-bolt shank held uprightly from the toilet-fastener plate in a  
7 predetermined place for attachment of a toilet bowl to the toilet bolt with a toilet-bolt  
8 nut screwed onto the toilet-bolt shank;  
9               floor-bolt apertures which extend through the toilet-fastener plate on  
10 arcuately opposite sides of the bolt-head bracket for receiving floor-bolt shanks of  
11 floor bolts inserted downwardly through the floor-bolt apertures and for retaining  
12 floor-bolt heads of the floor bolts proximate a top of the toilet-fastener plate for  
13 bolting the toilet-fastener plate to a floor predeterminedly about a toilet-drain  
14 aperture in the floor;

15 the arcuate plate has an arcuate length of predeterminedly proximate  
16 two inches, a width of predeterminedly proximate three-fourths of an inch and a  
17 thickness predetermined for support of the bolt-head bracket;

18 the bolt-head bracket including a bracket entry that is articulated to  
19 receive the toilet-bolt head and the toilet-bolt shank radially from a predetermined  
20 entry edge of the fastener plate; and

21 the bolt-head bracket includes an end wall opposite the bracket entry  
22 to prevent passage of the toilet-bolt head through the bolt-head bracket.

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1 **20. (previously withdrawn)** A bolt-keeper toilet flange comprising:

2 a base circumferential plate having a plate diameter predeterminedly in  
3 excess of a diameter of the predetermined toilet-drain aperture;

4 a first bolt-head bracket that is oppositely disposed diametrically from  
5 a second bolt-head bracket on the base circumferential plate;

6 two series of predetermined pluralities of the floor-bolt apertures that  
7 are oppositely disposed circumferentially at predetermined radii from an axis of the  
8 base circumferential plate;

9 the base circumferential plate including a width predetermined for  
10 containing the first bolt-head bracket and second toilet-bowl bracket at  
11 predetermined radial distances from an axis of the base circumferential plate and for



- 12 containing the floor-bolt apertures at a predetermined floor-bolt distance from the
- 13 axis of the circumferential plate; and
- 14 the base circumferential plate includes a thickness predetermined for
- 15 containing the integral bolt-head bracket and for providing rigidity and duration of
- 16 materials of construction of the base circumferential plate.
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